

Public Affairs Lecture Series: Practical Politics and Policymaking

Career Reflections: State Government



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Kristen Cox is the executive director of Management and Budget for the State of Utah. Prior to her current assignment, Cox served as executive director of the Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS), a member of the governor's cabinet, and president of the National Federation of the Blind of Utah. Programs she oversaw include unemployment insurance, medical and food stamp eligibility, veteran services, and community development. Before DWS, Cox was the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor during Maryland's 2006 general election. She also served as secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities and head of the first cabinet-level Department of Disabilities. Cox is a former appointee of the Department of Education by President George W. Bush. In 2012, she was named one of Utah Business magazine's "30 Women to Watch" and was given the Days of '47 Pioneers of Progress Award for Business and Enterprise. She received a BS in educational psychology from Brigham Young University. Cox and her husband Randy are the parents of two sons.

Lecture will be followed by a Q&A session.